

President's Report

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Our October meeting continued our improved attendance. We had over 30 in attendance with quite a few first time attendees. The location at Suburban Golf Club was great with plenty of space in the meeting room. I brought our original charter document for all to see. I also brought the plaque I was awarded at the Convention in Atlanta for the Kenneth G. Wintink College of Fellows. The cocktail hour had hot appetizers and open bar. The food was served as a sit down Dinner with two meal choices Salmon or Fillet Minion and was great as well. The presenter Frank Edgar from GasTite had an interesting presentation speaking to the various CSST products and had numerous questions from those in attendance.

The convention in Atlanta was great, they elected the new board as Andrea identified in the October newsletter. There were no earth shattering Bylaw changes to report. The one major improvement was the installation of a Parliamentarian who would run the meeting assuring we followed the meeting procedures and Roberts Rules of Order. Which allowed the voting of the proposed by-law changes to run very smoothly. We were done ahead of schedule and with little boredom and frustration as have occurred in past years. There were 25 technical programs where electronic files of handouts of the slides were made available to the attendees.

In case you were not aware dates and locations for the future Conventions and Technical Symposia have been set. So you can plan ahead for attending:

2019: Technical Symposium: October 24-27, 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA

2020: Convention & Expo: September 11-16, 2020 in New Orleans, LA

2021: Technical Symposium: September 21-26, 2021 in San Diego, CA

2022: Convention & Expo: September 16-21, 2022 in Indianapolis, IN

2023: Technical Symposium: September 26-October 2, 2023 in Bellevue, WA

If you have an interest in being on the board please let me or any other board member know. Our elections are in May and we will be looking for people to participate on the board.

Our meetings are a good place to network with others and learn what is going on in the industry as far as work, projects, products and codes. My thanks to the members who have attended our meetings in the past, I hope you all will attend our meetings this upcoming year.